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SUBJECT: DHEW/PHS GRANT NO. 1 RO1 HDO8495-01, "CROSS-
LANGUAGE STUDIES OF PROCESSES BASIC TO READING"

REF: A) STATE 281249(12/24/74)

B) BELGRADE 45

1. SUBJECT PROJECT IS YUGOSLAV PART OF A COLLABORATIVE STUDY BETWEEN DR. FRANKLIN S. COOPER, HASKINS LABORATORIES, NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT AND DR. GEORGIJE L. LUKATELA. A DOLLAR GRANT WAS MADE TO DR. COOPER FOR U.S. PART OF STUDY. IT IS URGENT THAT THE YUGOSLAV PART, WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED THREE YEARS AGO AND COULD NOT BE FUNDED BECAUSE OF INSUFFICIENT EXCESS CURRENCY FOR THE SPECIAL FOREIGN CURRENCY PROGRAM, BE FUNDED AND ACTIVATED. NIH IS PREPARED TO OBLIGATE FUNDS FROM ITS REGULAR RESEARCH GRANT DOLLAR APPROPRIATION IN AMOUNT OF \$47,510 FOR FIRST YEAR OF PROJECT AND WOULD LIKE TO TRANSMIT "NOTICE OF GRANT AWARDED" FOR UNIVERSITY OF BELGRADE.

2. IN COMPLIANCE WITH OMB REGULATIONS, ONLY THE PORTION OF THE PROJECT FOR WHICH FOREIGN EXCHANGE IS NEEDED
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WOULD BE PAID IN DOLLARS. IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT

\$26,670 WILL BE NEEDED FOR EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, WHICH ARE PRIMARILY ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS. THE BALANCE WOULD BE PAID IN DINARS. NO REPEAT NO DINARS OF THE SPECIAL FOREIGN CURRENCY PROGRAM WILL BE USED FOR THIS PAYMENT.

3. DHEW IS OF OPINION THAT PROJECT SHOULD BE FUNDED THROUGH JOINT FUND TO MAINTAIN INTEGRITY OF COLLABORATIVE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER U.S.-YUGOSLAV JOINT BOARD AND TO DEMONSTRATE U.S. GOODWILL IN SEEKING OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS AS PROVIDED BY ARTICLE V SUBPARA(E) OF AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING JOINT FUND AND JOINT BOARD. FOR PAYMENT TO BE MADE THROUGH JOINT FUND MATCHING FROM YUGOSLAV SIDE IS REQUIRED.

4. AS EMBASSY WILL RECALL, AT MAY 1974 JOINT BOARD MEETING, THE YUGOSLAV SIDE MADE A FORMAL COMMITMENT FOR AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF DINARS (APPROXIMATELY \$7 MILLION EQUIVALENT) TO MATCH ADDITIONAL RESOURCES WHICH THE U.S. MIGHT PROVIDE. OUR IMPRESSION WAS THAT YUGOSLAVS WISH TO ATTRACT MORE U.S. FUNDS TO YUGOSLAVIA THROUGH PROMISE TO MATCH. THIS WAS THE THOUGHT BEHIND JOINT BOARD DECISION TO GIVE FUND PUBLICITY.

5. REQUEST EMBASSY DISCUSS MATTER OF LUKATELA PROJECT WITH FAISECTC DRAWING UPON THE ABOVE. IF DISCUSSIONS WITH FAISECTC NOT FRUITFUL, SUGGEST EMBASSY PURSUE MATTER WITH PIRKMAJER.

6. NIH HAS REQUESTED BY FEBRUARY 28 DEFINITIVE GOY RESPONSE AS TO WHETHER GOY IS PREPARED TO MATCH NIH CONTRIBUTION FOR THIS PROJECT. INGERSOLL

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